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#### PLACEMENTS UP 4%

For the week ending July 15, 2006, growers placed 12.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.5% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 mill) decreased 2.1% from comparable week in 2005. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, a decrease of 0.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 9.7 million for the week ending July 08, 2006 compared to 9.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2005.

#### BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
05/20/06	14,344	13,886	11,593	11,244	11,594	11,244
05/27/06	14,352	14,045	11,695	11,322	11,697	11,322
06/03/06	14,247	13,944	11,797	11,300	11,798	11,300
06/10/06	14,300	13,911	11,817	11,469	11,819	11,469
06/17/06	14,414	13,947	11,917	11,605	11,918	11,605
06/24/06	14,298	14,112	11,883	11,558	11,886	11,558
07/01/06	13,787	13,722	11,895	11,585	11,896	11,585
07/08/06	14,206	13,966	11,906	11,513	11,910	12,504
07/15/06	14,160	14,090	11,867	11,620	11,968	12,392

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

#### NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	07/22/06	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	64.70	64.77	69.60	72.65
12-City Composite 2/	67.50	65.72	64.26	72.93

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.